In re Application of:

Yutaka BAN, et al.

Application No.: 10/700,825

Filed: November 5, 2003

For: TONER SUPPLYING CONTAINER

AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Docket No. 00684.002986.1

Confirmation No.: 6249

Examiner: Quana M. Grainger

Group Art Unit: 2852

Date: January 21, 2005

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	8	MINUS	20	0	x \$25 \$50	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$100 \$200	\$0.00	
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360 \$0.00							
	\$0.00						

	Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.		
	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.		
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed		
X	Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06 1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.		
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed.		
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.		
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.		
	Respectfully submitted,		
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated October 21, 2004, in the above-identified application. The combined Issue and Publication Fees are due on or before January 21, 2005, and have <u>not</u> been paid. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (the "RCE") in lieu of paying the combined fees.

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application.